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## No action on transit in 2019

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Staff Reporter

Haliburton County councillors decided last week that they will continue to monitor trends in rural transportation, and revisit the possibility of some kind of transit system for the county during their 2020 budget discussions.

Last year, the county commissioned consulting firm IBI Group for \$50,000 to complete a transportation implementation plan for the community. That plan suggested the creation of a booked, shared-ride service that would be contracted out to a private company. The firm estimated the annual cost of operating such a system would be approximately \$300,000.

During an April 24 meeting, councillors discussed what they would do on the transit issue. Council included \$50,000 in the county's 2019 budget for further work on transportation.

"However, no tasks at this point, have been assigned to that," said county planner Charlsey White.

Throughout conversations on transportation, councillors have reiterated concerns about cost, and the logistical challenges of operating a system for what is likely to be, at least at first, a relatively

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### Creating a joyful melody

Tommy Griffith, left, Breann Rowley, and Ayla Demuth enjoy their time with adjudicator John Kraus, who provided feedback to the young music students during the Haliburton Highlands Music Festival on Thursday, April 25 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. This group was part of the elementary school age - strings solo group on the first of two days of the festival. More on page 4.  
/DARREN LUM Staff

## Land ambulance costs will climb, CAO says

CHAD INGRAM  
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County will certainly be paying more for the operation of ambulances as a result of the provincial government's plan to consolidate ambulance services, the county's chief administrative officer says.

As part of the Ford government's budget tabled in mid-April, the province revealed it has plans to merge more than 50 land ambulance services throughout Ontario

into 10 services. It is not yet clear what those consolidations might look like.

During an April 24 Haliburton County council meeting, chief administrative officer Mike Rutter told councillors that the mergers would mean lessened local control and increased costs.

"Depending on who we're lumped with . . . one of the bad things is we'll just get a bill," Rutter said, adding there would be reduced control over where ambulances were stationed, etc.

Currently, the county also has relatively low ambulance costs. Land ambulances are

funded 50 per cent by the province, and 50 per cent by municipalities. The annual, per household cost of the ambulance service in Haliburton County is \$238 per household, which is much lower than similar communities.

A report from the county's auditor shows the per household cost for ambulances in Hastings is \$748, and \$953 in Frontenac County.

"Our costs for land ambulance is going to go up substantially," Rutter told councillors.

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# Transit funding 'parked' for now

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small group of users in a large community with a sparse population. It is estimated there would be approximately 3,100 rides per year, or approximately 10 per operating day.

The Haliburton Rideshare website, essentially a car-pooling database that was operated by the Rural Transportation Options committee, recently came to an end, as the volunteer members of RTO, which has been making recommendations on transit in the community for the past decade, take a step back from those activities.

"The Rideshare program had some success, it was never a big winner," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt. The site had about 200 registered users and the RTO committee has its components archived, should someone else wish to take over the operation of the website.

Moffatt wondered if maybe what had been the Rideshare website could live on the county's website, so that the people who have been using it could continue to use it.

There didn't seem to be much appetite amongst councillors to undertake the booked, shared-ride system that had been laid out in the implementation plan.

"My concern is basically, who is going to captain the ship, here?" said Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall.

"For starters, I would say there is no ship to captain, at this point," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts pointed out the plan from the consulting firm had included the use of Dysart's DYMO bus, which had come as a surprise to Roberts and Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy.

## CORRECTION:

In story "Fundraising event for ATVers this weekend," published April 23, the story incorrectly stated the Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Foundation fundraiser TraX4 Breast Cancer ATV was "this weekend," referring to April 26 and 27. The event is actually on May 3 and 4. The Echo regrets the error.

"The DYMO bus was integral to it," Roberts said. She and Kennedy said last week that Dysart would continue to operate the DYMO bus, and that it would not be available for use in any kind of county system.

"To me, I've said this from the outset, a door-to-door service is the only way to go," Roberts said, suggesting that most people who require public transit would not, say, walk across town in Haliburton village to get to a central pickup location. The cost of a door-to-door pickup service would likely be prohibitively expensive for the county.

Roberts said she thought an eventual solution to transportation would rely on technology.

"We know we called Uber, they never called us back," she said.

The ridesharing app, which allows people to essentially use their cars as cabs, has partnered with the Town of Innisfil on a model where the municipality subsidizes a portion of ride costs. County councillors had been interested in exploring a similar type of partnership, but never heard back from the company.

Roberts said she thought council should leave the \$50,000 in place for future transit work.

"I think we should park the money and wait for technology to catch up," she said.

"When you park something, it's parked," said Ryall, adding in his mind that basically meant council was unlikely to do anything on transportation this year or even in this term, and that that money could be better spent elsewhere.

"We have failed, in some way, to connect the dots in our previous conversations," said Moffatt, adding, "I think it's important for us to keep this conversation going."

"We've come way too far on the backs of a lot of really invested people," Moffatt said.

Minden Hills Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell sits on the Point in Time board, the social services agency opening a new youth hub in Haliburton village.

"There is no transportation for youth, and that is something they want us to keep on the table," Schell said.

In the end, councillors agreed they would keep the \$50,000 allotted for transportation work, "continue to monitor trends in rural transit," and revisit the conversation as part of 2020 budget discussions.

# Minden Hills declares state of emergency

For the third time in six years, the Township of Minden Hills declared a state of emergency as the Gull River flooded.

"Weather and above-normal snow-pack has led to rising water levels, that we've experienced and seen of over 35 centimetres in the last four days," Mayor Brent Devolin said, as he declared the state of emergency on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 24.

Several roads and bridges in the municipality were closed to traffic. Water levels had begun to decrease as of Saturday, April 27, however the watershed was expected to continue experiencing high water levels. The township recommended property owners monitor the situation and use sandbags where required. The township website includes up-to-date information at [www.mindenhill.ca](http://www.mindenhill.ca). The *Haliburton Echo*'s sister paper, the *Minden Times* is also regularly posting updates to its Facebook page: [facebook.com/MindenTimes](https://facebook.com/MindenTimes).

## Dysart to limit fireworks

*The following are brief reports of items discussed during an April 23 meeting of Dysart et al council.*

Dysart et al council is passing a bylaw that will restrict the lighting off of fireworks in the municipality to certain holiday weekends.

Those weekends will include Victoria Day weekend, Canada Day weekend, and Civic Holiday weekend, between 8 and 11 p.m. Fireworks will also be permitted on New Year's Eve and the following day, between 8 p.m. and 1 a.m. The bylaw will also create a notice outlining the municipality's regulations that must be posted anywhere fireworks are sold. It will also ban Chinese lanterns. Violating the bylaw will result in a \$100 fine. The bylaw is scheduled to be formally passed at council's next meeting, along with an updated noise bylaw designed to be more enforceable by bylaw staff than the township's previous and vague noise bylaw. Violating that bylaw will also come with a \$100 fine.

### No replacement of stairs

Council is supporting a recommendation from the municipality's infrastructure and equipment committee to remove the disintegrating wooden stairs that lead from York Street to the Head Lake Park parking lot, and instead of replacing the stairs, create a sidewalk in the area that will provide improved access to the parking lot.

"We definitely know that we need to remove the stairs that are there, but do we replace them with more stairs?" asked Mayor Andrea Roberts.

"Stairs are a barrier, an accessibility barrier," said Councillor Larry Clarke, in his support of the committee's recommendation.

Other councillors agreed.

A staff report indicated that the Haliburton BIA is also supportive of the plan.

"In conjunction with this discussion, the committee reviewed correspondence from the Haliburton BIA that they were in favour of replacing the stairs, which would allow for optimal use of the tourism advertising board that is currently located at the bottom of the stairs."

*-By Chad Ingram*

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### Students harness new technology

Stuart Baker Elementary School students, from left, Darcy Baillie, Brooklyn Bjelis, Ben Cowen, and Danny Neville take a break from competing at the annual RoboFair on Thursday, April 18 at Gravenhurst Public School. More than 200 elementary school students competed by building Lego robots and using a coding language to send instructions to their robots. The field included SBES Lego students and J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School students. Submitted by Stephanie Metzger



Stuart Baker Elementary School student Danny Neville works with Ryan Smith to create and print a 3D creature.



Stuart Baker Elementary School Grade 2 student Darcy Baillie holds her Lego WeDo vehicle and motion sensor.

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## Provincial cuts affect library operations

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A 50 per cent reduction in funding to the Southern Ontario Library Service by the provincial government will significantly impact the Haliburton County Public Library.

On April 18, library staff received news of the funding cuts.

"We received word that two services have been cut, to us," library CEO Beskie Sullivan told Haliburton County councillors during an April 24 council meeting. "Those two services are, one, they run a provincial courier system that goes to every library in the province, and two, they run a provincial inter-library loan system, which was actually designed to make access to information equal throughout the province."

The inter-library loan system allowed the Haliburton County Public Library, which has a relatively small collection, to supply patrons with materials from outside of the county. That service ceased immediately, and any orders that had been placed for materials will not be filled.

"You could get access to every collection in the province," Sullivan said. "That is no longer. So that's huge in terms of access to information, equality of access ... yet again, rural areas having services cut. So that concerns us ... It doesn't cost us, because it's not our program, but it costs our population."

As for the courier service, "that's how we got our new books," Sullivan said, explaining that about 80 items per week, "so three fairly large boxes," were delivered. "That cost of shipping had been

hugely supplemented by the Southern Ontario Library Service. That is no longer. So we are about to receive a bill ... which, we have no idea what it will be, but we will now start to be charged ... for receiving new items."

"So, at the same time that people can no longer get access to collections all over the province, we are now going to have to pay to ship anything new to us," Sullivan said. "So, it's a problem."

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and Haliburton County Warden Liz Daniels wondered if there was some way to figure out approximately what those new, additional costs would amount to.

Sullivan said there were some formulas library staff could plug numbers into, "but we're just guessing on all the numbers, we don't know what the boxes weigh ... a box of DVDs does not weigh the same thing as a box of hardcovers, so it's just really hard for us to gauge."

As soon as the library receives its bill, Sullivan said, those new costs would become clear.

"So then, it's probably a library board discussion, then, what's your intention as the library CEO to address this?" asked Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt.

Sullivan said there would have to be a major conversation at the board about what the changes will look like.

"There has to be, because we've got to find the money," she said.

"So there is going to be a bigger-picture conversation coming about, about what our library looks like for our people," Moffatt said.

Sullivan said library CEOs have been told that core library funding from the province will not be cut.

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### Music students enhance their skills

Helen Williams plays her violin during the Haliburton Highlands Music Festival on Thursday, April 25 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Helen was part of the secondary school age - strings solo group on the first of two days for the festival. /DARREN LUM Staff



Above, Grace Judge plucks her harp, playing the New World Symphony by Anton Dvorak.

Left, Tommy Griffith performs and his teacher Bethany Houghton accompanies to provide harmony.



Grace Judge smiles as adjudicator John Kraus compliments her harp playing.

The Highlights Concert, which features some of the best performances of last week's music festival, takes place this Thursday, May 2 at 7 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion (located at the high school) in Haliburton. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available at the door. Sponsors of the event are Haliburton residents Len and Kit Pizsey.

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# Sink your trowel into one of Haliburton County's community gardens

JENN WATT

Editor

For several years now, a small group of gardeners have come together in Eagle Lake to tend to a communal garden on property owned by the Eagle Lake Community Church. The soil is a bit sandy and watering has been a challenge, but they have persisted over the years, building up the site.

The goal, says church pastor Garry Swagerman, is to one day grow enough vegetables to have a portion go to the food bank or to families in need. But for now, those who tend to the land take home what they grow.

"We need more people to help us with it," Swagerman said. There is no fee and no expectation that gardeners will be affiliated with the church.

"Anybody that wants to start or try or experience what gardening is like, it's a great opportunity," he said.

The Eagle Lake Community Garden is one of eight across the county, each with its own purpose, structure and culture. The Victoria Street garden in Haliburton expanded this year, but still has a waiting list of prospective gardeners. Others, like the Eagle Lake site, are in need of help.

Kate Hall, public health food worker with the local health unit, is working to increase awareness of the gardening opportunities in the Haliburton Highlands.

"When I came on board it seemed like there were some gardens and some folks that were interested in the gardens, but not all the gardens were really flourishing," she said.

Some have issues of soil quality, others of fencing to keep animals out. Sometimes gardeners have had to find solutions to lack of water or other infrastructure. But all of these obstacles can be overcome with enough participation.

"One of the common challenges also is membership," Hall said. She's now working to get the word out that



Several community gardens around the county have opportunities for new gardeners. Here, work is done at the Eagle Lake garden. /Photo courtesy of Nancy McLuskey

there are garden spaces available where community members can grow their own food and connect with others, sharing information and enjoying being outside.

Space is currently available in Eagle Lake, Gooderham, Wilberforce, and Highland Grove. Where there's interest in creating a new garden, Hall is also willing to help establish one. For example, staff at the Haliburton Highlands Museum has expressed interest in hosting a garden, but would need volunteers to join in.

In some cases, community gardens have individual plots for each gardener. Sometimes the garden is just one swath of land with everyone pitching in. Some gardeners grow produce for specific needs, such as hot peppers for

the Heat Bank's annual fundraiser. Other times the food grown belongs to the person who planted the seeds.

Hall said she's able to match gardeners up with the type of project they're interested in. There's also a need for "friends" of a garden – those who might want to help temporarily with something like erecting a fence or repairing beds.

Nancy McLuskey has been an active member of the gardening team in Eagle Lake since the project was founded several years ago.

She said the group constructed a water shed to collect rainwater, as there's no well or power on the property. The land is sunny all day and is fenced around the garden to prevent animals from getting in.

"The garden is quite large, but mostly undeveloped. To date we have only tilled and fenced what we can handle. More manpower would be required to reach the full potential of this garden," she said via email.

"We would be very happy to welcome more individuals to the garden, either tending their own plot, or joining our cooperative effort. The best way to reach us is through the email of Eagle Lake church: elcc2605@gmail.com."

Hall said participating in community gardening offers a list of benefits.

"It gets you outside and interacting with the earth and knowing where your food comes from. I think there's a really great sense of satisfaction – I certainly feel that as a gardener going out every night and picking my salad for dinner. It feels so good and it tastes so good. It's so fresh. It's full of life, energy. We need to be more mindful about where our food comes from and if there's an opportunity for us to grow some of our own food, then that's great," she said.

"The Community Garden Network does put you in touch with other people too. You can garden together. There's that social aspect to it as well and sharing information."

To find out more, get in touch with Kate Hall: 1-866-888-4577, ext. 3246 or khall@hkpr.on.ca.



## Gooderham marks Earth Week

Above, Jim Sangster, left, checks out some of the fossils on Brian Mould's table at the Gooderham Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 27. The event is held the fourth weekend of each April and includes a clean-up of area roads.



Organizers of the Gooderham clean up event, marking Earth Week, came together for a group photo at the Gooderham community centre on Saturday.

Denise Winder said for the last four years she's noticed they're walking farther and

finding less garbage, though roadside garbage is still a problem. The Municipality of Highlands East and the County of Haliburton supported the clean up, which

was organized by the Gooderham Community Action Group. /JENN WATT Staff





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## Get into gardening

COME AUGUST each year, my gardening bag overflows with plump, golden cherry tomatoes. One of my favourite things is to pluck them from the vine, holding the tiny fruit warmed by midday sun up to my face, breathing in its distinct fresh scent before devouring it.

Eating food directly from the earth touches something deep within us. There's a pure joy to be found in crunching fresh lettuce or – my personal favourite – popping a pea from the pod right into your mouth. It's an experience wholly different from other culinary delights and one that often triggers memories of youth, long summer days and time spent outdoors.

Aside from the sheer delight of fresh food at your fingertips, gardening offers much more. It requires physical exercise, especially in the early days of preparing the soil and planting the seeds and is good for maintaining balance as you weed and tend to your plants.

Nutritional value of many vegetables is at its highest when first picked; harvesting your salad hours before you eat it can bring added health benefits.

And then there's the good it does for your heart and mind.

Last summer, *The Guardian* newspaper wrote a story detailing the mental health benefits of working in the garden: "Horticultural and woodland therapies are attracting attention thanks to

the increasingly well-documented value of the outdoors for people's mental health and wellbeing. In fact, research has shown that the flexible nature of gardening projects allows service users to feel empowered in a non-threatening space. It also helps develop nurturing skills and is thought to boost mindfulness, as well as increasing serotonin and dopamine levels."

I can see how this is true. For several years now I've had the opportunity to participate in the community garden in Haliburton beside the old Victoria Street School. The experience has been a pleasure. I've learned the basics about growing vegetables and the rhythms of weeding, watering and waiting. I've welcomed the hot sun on my back as I pulled weeds and taken great joy in watching wispy seedlings become stocky adult plants.

Every part of the process just feels good.

If you've ever thought about getting into gardening, or you've found yourself outwitted by deer on your own property yet again, consider joining one of the county's community gardens.

Although the one on Victoria Street is full, there are several in need of members including Eagle Lake, Gooderham, Wilberforce and Highland Grove. There are also resources available for those looking to start up new community gardens. (See details on page 5.)



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## Editorial

JIM AND I have four parents/in-laws who are 90, 90, 89 and 85 and I think they are very impressive. Everyone deserves a medal when they get to this age! Of these four parents, two of them have had heart attacks and surgery, two of them have fallen in the last two years and broken a hip, one has alzheimer's and one has had cancer. Two of them remarried after losing their spouse to cancer. One of them still works full time as a sales manager for the local Acton paper. They all lived through the Second World War. My parents lived outside London and have many stories of the bombings and having people from London come to live with them so they would be safe.

My mother-in-law grew up on a farm where there were eight children in two bedrooms and no running water. She used an outhouse for many years. All four parents have all had some challenges raising their children as they went through difficult times. All four now support their kids as they raise their own kids tackling challenges that they could never have imagined years ago (technology, mental health challenges, the state of the world).

Everyone experiences difficulties in their life. It is just part of the human experience. And so the question becomes how do people develop the resiliency to keep moving forward when challenging times come? And how do people recover from sad, hard, difficult times and then carry on?

Jim and I were working in our garden last fall putting everything away and planting our garlic and we were talking about our parents (a couple of weeks before a 90<sup>th</sup> celebration) and how our parents didn't get to these ages without having resiliency, the ability to recover from difficult times

and some grit. We talked about how people develop resiliency.

I have had yoga teachers who have suggested that one way to build resiliency is through movement. Movement contributes to a person having confidence in their body. None of my parents/in-laws do yoga (well, one did), but they all grew up being very active and being outside a lot. Between them they ran, climbed, swam, biked, gardened, played sports, hunted, fished and more. They all used their bodies every day as children and developed body confidence so that when something breaks down (like a hip or a heart) they believe they will recover and they know how to move to help with the recovery. It's in their cells.

They have all had disappointments and even failed at things and learned that life carries on and you just keep moving forward. Sometimes good things come out of the most challenging times.

Jim and I discussed that we find it fascinating none of our parents complain. They are tough and they just carry on. My parents are British and I often tease them about their "British stiff upper lip." They have grit. All of that helps when challenges come their way. So, as Jim and I worked in garden last fall we decided to plant 90 daffodils to celebrate our parents. Our thought was that each year when they bloom we will be reminded of their resilience and grit and that reaching 90 is an incredible accomplishment.

I can see the stems just starting to emerge now and I will smile every time I look at those flowers each spring. We all have to have hope and carry on! I wonder if we will eventually have 100 daffodils to watch each year.

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# points of view

## Spawning problems

YESTERDAY, JENN and I went for a walk and eventually found ourselves on the trail overlooking the Drag River below Emmerson's Dam. Call me a hopeless romantic, but I wanted us to witness the majesty of spawning walleye as a couple.

Maybe I'm just an old fashioned guy but I still think every now and then you have to work hard at a relationship and sometimes that means going the extra mile and taking your special someone to see spawning sport fish in a river.

You'd think there would not be a down side to this. After all, it combines two of everyone's favourite things – spawning walleye and a really cheap date.

But sadly, as I was to learn, taking your partner to watch spawning walleye is fraught with risk. Who would have guessed?

Maybe it was the sound of the river. Maybe it was the sight of too many writhing walleye thrashing tails against the rocks. Who can say for sure? All I know is that after seeing those spawning fish, Jenn was forever changed.

Worse still, as she looked at many walleye well over 24 inches, she whispered the words every angler fears.

"I never knew walleye could grow that big," she proclaimed. "I thought you said they only grow to 14 inches max?"

I smiled meekly and shrugged.

Right now, you are probably thinking, how do I mend my broken heart?

Well, denial helps.

"They're actually a lot smaller than the ones I usually bring home," I said. "They only look huge because of refraction."

Jenn, for some reason, did not believe that refraction could triple the size of a fish's appearance, especially in less than a foot of water.

And so it is that I live with these wounds that will never heal.

From this day forward, Jenn will compare every fish I bring home to the huge walleye we saw in the river that day.

Consider this a cautionary tale for all you anglers out there. It's too late for me now – my partner now knows what real fish look like. As for you, well you still have a chance.

If you haven't yet taken your gal to see spawning walleye, don't! I don't care how much she begs you to take her there. No good can come of it.

Offer something just as near and dear to a woman's heart – say a hearty squirrel stew or a homemade coon-skin cap. But, for the love of all things holy, don't let her see how big walleye can actually get.

As for myself, I will now have to endure cruel sentences like, "Oh, those are cute fish," or "Good for you! Gooooood for you," whenever I bring home the catch of the day. All because I made the rookie's mistake of taking Jenn to a place where she could actually see what a big fish looks like.

If I'm lucky, I might be able to reverse my mistake in 10 or so years by regularly taking her to places where small baitfish like emerald shiners and chub are sold. But this could be a long, drawn out process – and it is not without risk.

She might see what I'm actually paying for fishing tackle.

Thanks a lot, Drag River. Thanks a lot.



## Loon Tales

steve  
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## pic of the past

This week's pic of the past is from a postcard produced by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. It shows the Bethel Church, built in 1891. The card reads: "this excellent example of a pioneer house of worship sits amidst the picturesque hills of Blairhampton in the Haliburton Highlands."

## letters to the editor

## A rude awakening

### To the Editor,

We have all heard or read about Laurie Scott, our MPP for Haliburton County, sneaking in the back entrance to McKecks rather than acknowledge a group of peaceful local residents who came to protest Doug Ford's budget cuts. Locked into the PC party line, her attitude toward constituents' concerns has proven to be benign at best, a direct reflection of Ford himself, who made these cuts with little or no consultation, many slipped in under the radar and mandated.

Here's the thing. We live in the poorest county in the province, and the PC government, which our riding voted in, has cut all of us off at the knees.

Did you know that Haliburton may lose our local health unit? Ford plans to reduce 35 public health units across the province to 10. We depend on Public Health to help prevent people from getting sick by providing water testing, vaccinations, pre-natal care and education. Ford has made major cuts to ambulances, school breakfasts for kids in need, a 50 per cent cut to Ontario flood relief, cancelled planting 50 million trees, made huge library cuts – no more inter-library loans. Four online courses for high school graduation will be mandatory leading to more teacher cuts.

And OHIP, which we are all dependent on and needs more funding, not less, is being gouged.

But somehow, Doug Ford has found \$10 million to give to the horse racing industry.

Yes, the budget needs to be balanced, but with a strategy that considers the well-being of private citizens, not just corporations. Instead, Ford's bullish actions – slashing support of our most basic, fundamental and necessary support systems not only render us vulnerable, they expose his outright insincerity and inability to govern with care and vision.

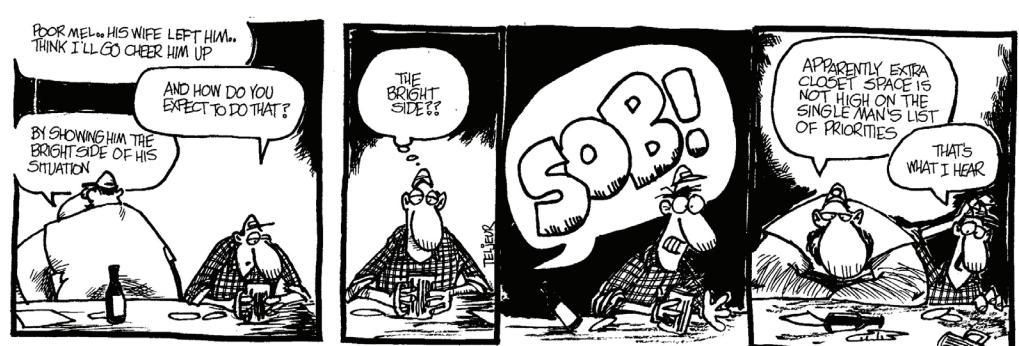
Isn't it time for all of us to reassess our allegiance to a certain party? Sure, habits die hard. But, consider this: the PC party today is not the same PC party that you once believed in, that your parents supported, and perhaps, their parents before them. It has changed. The writing is not only on the wall, its ramifications are coming to Haliburton and right across Canada.

It's a rude awakening. But, we have a chance in six months to be smart. To do our due diligence and not knee-jerk as we did in Ontario and vote someone in who will just make things worse.

Jerelyn Craden  
Haliburton

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# Make change through politics

To the Editor,

*Re: 'If you are appalled, let them know,' Echo, page 9, April 23*

I share many of the sentiments that Sean Pennylegion discussed in his letter but I must point out a revealing and significant omission.

I have written my share of letters, signed petitions and waved placards etc., all Sean P. mentions but he doesn't explicitly say join a political party, help finance it and influence its policies.

Effective political parties are one of the most important pillars of our democracy. There are nations that permit only one party. Western democracies don't do that, of course, but they do jerk them around. Sean P. alluded to that obliquely. But to be specific, in the April 2018 election Doug Ford's party enjoyed about a 20 per cent bonus in per cent of seats bestowed over the percent of votes earned. The Liberals on the other hand were penalized by about 15 per cent of seats won over votes earned. It happens in almost every election provincially and federally since there have been more than two parties contesting elections over a hundred years ago.

Oh yes, P.E.I. just had an election and the results were announced Tuesday, April 24. The same distortions were evident. The provincial Conservative Party enjoy a bonus of

about 10 per cent of seats bestowed over votes earned.

At the same time, a proposal to remedy this situation was lost in a referendum. Fifty-one per cent of voters in P.E.I. voted No to the Mixed Member Proportional system while 49 per cent voted Yes. Ironically, 15 of the 27 ridings or districts in P.E.I. voted in favour of the proposal and only 12 disagreed. Now in any election in Canada under the old system any party that got a majority of the ridings or districts would form a solid majority government. But to confound the situation, no party in P.E.I. has won a majority of the seats. The PCs have 12 of 26 but the Greens have eight and the Liberals six. These last two could form government with a razor thin majority. Greens are euphoric becoming official opposition, at least. They have too long had their seats artificially reduced and their influence severely diluted. But there it is, another wonky result from our archaic electoral system with unforeseen and perhaps problematic effects.

So wave placards, write letters, etc., but to be truly effective join a political party and demand that it get its fair share and you, your fair share of influence or representation in seats in parliament or the legislature.

Jim Milne  
Haliburton

## Highlands To Go Digital With Square

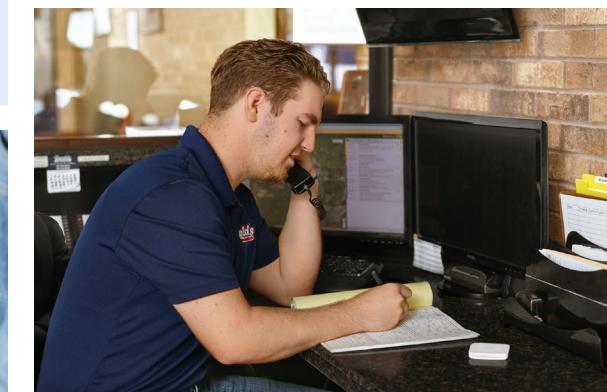
### Cash Flow: The Lifeline Of Any Contractor

Ask contractors what their number one business challenge is, and you're likely to hear getting paid.

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### Get Control Over Bookkeeping

Are your books a mess? You're not alone. Many business owners have trouble keeping their accounting and bookkeeping in order. Luckily, there are ways to take the stress out of tax filing preparation.

Shelves of books and binders are no longer necessary tools for tax filing preparation. You now have access to a number of online platforms with Square that do the bulk of the hard work. For the most part, the things that are left up to you are uploading bank statements and receipts, creating invoices and making sure you keep track of the hours you work. The tricky tax calculations are taken care of.

Top picks for the most intuitive and well-equipped bookkeeping platforms that integrate with Square are: Bench, Xero, and Intuit QuickBooks Online.

## County to explore development charges

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County will have a study conducted, looking at the institution of development charges in the community.

As a staff report from county planner Charlsey White explains, "Development charges are one-time fees imposed by municipalities on land developers, home builders and institutions when they develop or build upon an area of land. The fees are intended to offset the cost of increased municipal services and infrastructure required due to population growth within the municipality resulting from new development. A development charge may be imposed across all or only part of the municipality and more than one development charge bylaw can apply to an area."

In Haliburton County, for example, the upper tier of the county could institute development charges, as well as each of its lower-tier governments. Currently, development charges do not exist within Haliburton County, or any of its four lower tiers, although they have become widespread in many Ontario municipalities.

"We are one of the few that doesn't have them, anymore," Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt said during an April 24 county council meeting.

"Before you can even move forward with them, you have to do a development charges study," White explained.

County council included \$50,000 for such a study in the 2019 budget, and council will release a request for proposals for the completion of the study. A bylaw establishing development charges must be passed within one year of the study being completed. A statutory public meeting on their establishment must also take place.

Development charge amounts vary widely depending on the size of a community. While in downtown Toronto, for example, development charges for residential development may be as much as \$100,000, in smaller communities, they are much, much less.

There are stipulations around what development charges can be used for, and municipalities earmark what those specific purposes will be.

"This is to cover growth-related costs, only," chief administrative officer Mike Rutter said, explaining the idea is to offset increased servicing costs related to a development. For example, that could be for increased water or sewer services, or a new fire hall required because of population growth, or new parks required for more residents.

Rutter said development charges also make costs clear to developers up front. As the new Home Hardware store got under construction in Haliburton Village, for example, it was determined a new turning lane would be required, and the county and developer ended up sharing the cost for that turning lane, around which they negotiated.

"A development charge makes that certain ... they know what they've got to pay," Rutter said.

Some councillors seemed supportive.

"Times have changed ... landfills cost more, ambulances cost more," said Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts.

Moffatt thought the county could see some resistance to the concept.

"I think the majority of people think they don't get any services for their taxes now, so I imagine this will be contentious," she said.

### Last call

Don't forget to get your community event listing in for this year's

### Summer Guide

Listings are free and must be in by Friday, May 3. They can be sent to: [haliburtonsummerguide@gmail.com](mailto:haliburtonsummerguide@gmail.com).

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# Musicians prepare for concert in space for youth

SUE TIFFIN  
Staff Reporter

Sam Olliffe is no stranger to the stage, having performed in HHSS drama productions and as part of the school talent show. After submitting a performance demo of his solo guitar performances, the talented Grade 12 student was recently accepted to attend Metalworks Institute, described on their website as being Canada's Premier Entertainment Arts School. But he wasn't always interested in becoming a musician despite his dad being a singer and songwriter.

"I didn't have any interest in music, really, other than listening to it," he said. "I always had a strong connection to music, I just didn't have any interest in playing."

In Grade 8 that changed, when he picked up the guitar.

"And then I started learning piano because I wanted to figure out what writing songs was like," he said. "I'm not very good at piano but it's what helps me with recording and understanding how music works."

Olliffe said he doesn't really have one particular style, noting both a bossa nova song and renaissance style song in his repertoire. His influences include David Bowie, Kendrick Lamar and Death Grips, an experimental hip hop band.

"I just usually typically write from my experiences," he said. "My album, that's just about teenage unhappiness, just putting those feelings into an album."

Despite not always being interested in creating and playing music, the past five years of doing so, and the guidance of music teacher Stan Russell have made Olliffe dedicate himself to the craft, honing his songwriting skills. In a recent presentation he made to his leadership class, Olliffe focused on the importance of creativity: what his experience with creativity has been, and how important it is to him.

"I just talked about how music has gotten me out of some depressing periods in my life and has given me purpose," he said.

Olliffe's 25-minute set at the Youth Hub concert will include about four or five pieces of his own work, fully-fleshed out songs he's written – some of them recently – that he's proud of.

"I think it's changed how people look at me," he said of his upcoming concert performance. "I'm just used to being Sam, but some younger student ... it was a funny situation, but I heard her in the halls just saying, 'oh, that's the musician'. That's the first time I've been called that, which is nice."

Kelsey Young is the nurse practitioner at the Hali County Youth Hub. While working on her master's degree, Young taught herself the ukulele and has been playing for the past six years.

"I've never actually played in front of people, so this will be my debut," said Young. She plans on playing songs that include Little Talks by Of Monsters and Men, Riptide by Vance Joy and Wagon Wheel by Darius Rucker, and said she would encourage the audience to join in.

"I just thought that it would be a good way to reach out and be involved in some of the community activities," said Young. She said she has loved working on the Youth Hub project, and was looking forward to meeting some more of Haliburton County's youth, as well as other community members.

Young didn't hesitate to note she is feeling a bit nervous about her debut performance.

"Yes, very nervous," she laughed. "I'm just looking forward to seeing what the



Lane Brohm, Braeden Sharp and Seamus Lynch make up The Bones of Jim Jones, and are headlining the Hali County Youth Hub concert this May 3. Doors open at 6:30, with performances from 7 to 9 p.m. The all-ages show is a fundraiser for Artists in the Schools & Community, with pay-what-you-can admission. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Musician Sam Olliffe, a Grade 12 HHSS student who was recently accepted to Metalworks Institute, is performing this Friday at the May 3 Hali County Youth Hub concert in Haliburton. /Photo by Glenn Graham

local talents have to bring, I think it's going to be a good show ... Hopefully Sam's voice will just calm me down."

Grade 11 students Seamus Lynch, Lane Brohm and Braeden Sharp sit in a line on stools in Lynch's rec room and their rehearsal space talking about when they first met.

Lynch and Brohm have been friends since kindergarten, and Sharp made the friendship a trio when the boys were each about eight years old.

In Grade 7, motivated by a battle of the bands concert, the then-JDHES students went from simply being good friends, to also playing together in a band, which they called Turn On the Dark. Brohm had already been playing guitar a little bit at that point, taught by his dad, and Sharp had been experimenting with the drums through the support of his music teacher, Lorie Reddering. Lynch said he was always the kid who would turn on a record and pretend he was performing in front of a group of people, jumping and singing around the house, and said the band formed naturally because the three were so close.

"I guess we heard the idea of the battle of the bands so we thought, let's work

towards that, see if we can do one song," said Lynch. "We started practising in Braeden's basement. That was put to a very quick stop ... super out-of-tempo, trying to be punk rock 12-year-olds ... Braeden's parents were like, all right, you guys are going to the garage."

The song was Skulls, by the Misfits, and though the band didn't go much further than that, Brohm and Sharp continued getting together to jam while Lynch pursued an interest in poetry and rapping and experimenting with beats.

"We were jamming every week, so we just kind of kept improving," said Brohm.

"We'd basically feed off each other for 20 minutes straight," said Sharp.

In a Media Arts class in Grade 10, Lynch remembers the three setting a goal to record an EP by the end of high school. He followed up to Sharp with a paragraph-long text, Sharp said, that basically said, "we have to do this if we're going to do it, actually crack down."

That goal brought the friends together again musically, and this Friday they'll play at the Hali County Youth Hub concert as The Bones of Jim Jones with a set that includes four originals from the EP they're working on now.

With Brohm on a guitar he constructed himself a few years ago, Sharp on his third drum set, and Lynch as vocalist and lyricist creating audio samples to intro songs, the band is bringing together their individual skills and talents to tie together parts of the EP's epic story while forming a cohesive sound as a group that supports each other.

"We're just doing a bunch of different things to convey that story, and it's cool," said Lynch.

Their musical influences are vast. Lynch notes soul, punk, funk, reggae, indie, classic rock, rap, as influences.

"I've just always liked everything, listening to everything," he said.

Sharp said he definitely gets his influences from the drumming style and techniques heard in Led Zeppelin and Black Sabbath.

"[It] really kind of pushes where I come from I think, just a lot of progressive, rock and metal too, keep it loose and fast," he said.

Brohm said since he was young, he has heard different kinds of music being played in his house.

"Over the years you kind of get into different things more than others," he said.

"[Brohm and Sharp] will just break off into the craziest instrumental freestyles for like so long," said Lynch. "That's usually how most of our songs are written, there'll be a part where they're just freestyling, just grooving out, and I'll be like, wait, wait, wait, play that part one more time, and I'll record it on my phone and then we'll have that part."

Besides the four originals they're bringing to the show, they're also playing covers in their set, including by the White Stripes and XXXTentacion.

"It's going to be wild, it's going to be crazy," said Lynch. "There's sounds from everything: blues, punk rock, some psychedelic stuff, indie, some metal, just a bunch of different vibes ... Everyone's going to at least like a little piece of one song, or just like, there's something in there for everybody."

As a band, Sharp said they definitely don't want to have just one sound, or become repetitive.

"If we kind of just keep our style super open and don't just stay in the elements of garage rock or punk rock, and we just keep our genre super open and do a bunch of different songs in different genres it's not like our fan base is going to be ... only wanting to hear punk rock," said Lynch.

Playing music together has proven to be therapeutic, and Lynch said it has helped him in his struggles with mental health.

"This is the best way I can just let out so much frustration, anger, so many thoughts and feelings I'm feeling throughout the day, I can come here and put everything out," he said. "That's why I'm nervous because I'm super vulnerable. I just lose myself every time I'm playing, so I'm nervous to see what the reactions will be like."

The group agreed it will be loud.

"The one time we did play in front of people it was the most exhilarating thing I've ever done," said Sharp. "Now that we're more experienced, the music ... it'll definitely be a better show."

Fundraising efforts at the concert are supporting Artists in the Schools & Community program, which has presented dance, drama, music and visual arts throughout local schools for the past 16 years.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. on May 3 at the all-ages Hali County Youth Wellness Hub concert, which is on from 7 to 9 p.m. The Youth Wellness Hub is located at 12 Dysart Avenue in Haliburton.

# Hosting COSSA inspires next generation

The Red Hawks mixed doubles badminton team of Natalya Gimon and Denver Allore held their own, playing well in front of friends, peers and family on Thursday, April 18 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Despite not advancing to the all-provincials, the pair provided home fans something to cheer for and junior badminton players something to aspire toward.

Coach Jason Morissette provided insight on the pair's performance in the tournament, which featured competitors from more than 20 high schools.

"They had a very solid season and developed their skills through hard work every week. They went into the tournament as a fourth seed and [in their first match] they played the first seed from North Hastings High School of Bancroft. Our team took NHHS to three games and played really well under pressure," he wrote in an email. "This was Natalya Gimon's first year ever playing mixed doubles and she had an amazing learning curve and drive to get better all season. She had a great COSSA tournament and Denver Allore, her partner, brought his four years of mixed doubles experience to provide strategy and focus to their game."

"Match two in the day they played Crestwood Secondary School and again we did quite well [against] the higher [level of] competition. Crestwood is a very solid team that practices and plays on a year round club basis. For our team to stay right with them in any match

shows that Denver and Natalya have a great skill set and athletic drive in the sport," he wrote.

"Overall the tournament was a great success with over 20 high schools from COSSA attending and displaying super badminton. It was really ideal for our junior badminton players to see where things can go in the future in the sport if they practice well and have a goal to make it to OFSAA some day," he wrote.

## Junior Red Hawks wrap up season

Kawartha championships were hosted by Haliburton on Thursday, April 18.

The juniors won the Kawartha team championship and were led by the boys doubles team of Tyson Clements and Alex Little, who finished first. Grade 9s Ava Smith and Emma Tidey finished second.

Adding to the team total with podium finishes included the mixed doubles team Megan Klose and Tyler Martin, third, and girls doubles team Erin Chumbley and Josie Graham, third.

A week later the Hawks competed at COSSA on April 18. Coach Bob Schmidt wrote in an email "the teams played very well [but there was] just some tough competition." Smith and Tidey finished third. Clements and Little finished third while Klose and Martin also finished third. Graham and Chumbley finished fifth.



Red Hawks mixed doubles player Natalya Gimon serves to the doubles team from North Hastings Highlands Secondary School.



Red Hawks mixed doubles player Denver Allore returns a shot against a doubles team from North Hastings Highlands Secondary during the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship tournament on Wednesday, April 24 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Allore and his partner Natalya Gimon lost their opening match 1-2 (15-21, 23-21 and 8-21) to start the tournament. The Hawks team entered the tournament as a fourth seed./DARREN LUM Staff

# Career Day connects students to job opportunities

**SUE TIFFIN**

Staff Reporter

The second annual Career Day, organized by the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association, was held on April 23 at the high school to give area students in Grades 7 through 12 the opportunity to meet and ask questions of people working in the skilled trades. The event was organized "in an ongoing effort to combat the labour shortage issue that is believed to be reaching a critical level, not only in Haliburton County, but across Ontario at large," according to Aggie Tose, the association's executive officer, in a press release.

More than 32 companies or organizations attended the event, engaging with about 400 students from HHSS, Wilberforce Elementary School, JD Hodgson Elementary School and the Alternative Education & Learning Centre for a few hours. Some in the skilled trades organized interactive games and projects at their booths, while others parked their vehicles just outside the doors of the school's Athletic Complex to give on-site tours of the equipment they use. Some of the students brought along their resumes.

Bayan Wiso, a Grade 12 HHSS student, filled out a questionnaire students were given to complete at the event, working with employers and organization representatives to fill in the blanks of the sheet. She said the event was a good opportunity and, with an interest in helping others, appreciated being able to learn more about work as a nurse, paramedic and long-term care support worker.

"It's cool that everyone can come out to do their part to help us get jobs," said high school student Stella Buwalda, who has a job alongside being a Grade 10 student.

"It's really nice having the opportunity to get to see what all is out there," said

Jenna Gray, also in Grade 10. Some of the professionals involved in the day piqued their interest for future careers, especially those working in interior design.

"I think it was epic," said Brandon Needham, a Grade 8 JDHES student carrying a bag of freebies and information after the event, who said he particularly liked meeting with the Subaru representatives. "There was tons of job opportunities."

Keira Smith, also a Grade 8 JDHES student, agreed, and said the morning was

worth it.

"There was a lot of job opportunities that were stuff that I like," she said, noting in particular the PSW booth.

"Career opportunities in the trades are plentiful, not only in Haliburton County, but across Ontario, due to the lack of enrolment in trade-based programs," said Tose in the release. "If there is not more of a focus on educating and training a young workforce throughout the trades, growth and development across all sectors will severely suffer." At the event, she said the

group had this year invited professionals including nurses, PSWs and firefighters to the day, based on feedback from students last year who wanted more information about those particular jobs.

Besides the event, the Home Builders association, with assistance from HHSS staff and students, created an educational video to help promote the opportunities in the local trade industries.

To see the Skilled Trades Recruitment video, visit the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association website at [hchba.ca](http://hchba.ca).



More than 400 Grade 7 to 12 students from Wilberforce Elementary School, JDHES, AETC and HHSS gathered at the second annual Career Fair hosted by the Haliburton County Home Builders Association on April 23. The fair brought more than 30 organizations or companies to the high school gym, where students could ask questions of business owners and professionals, apply for summer jobs and learn more about jobs and careers available in Haliburton County./SUE TIFFIN Staff



Fire rangers, paramedics, construction workers, police representatives, interior designers, municipal staff, nurses, and bankers were among the professionals attending the Career Fair to help share their work and career experiences with local students.



Carrie and Jamie from The Pump Shop lead an interactive activity at their booth.

# Student work honoured by Haliburton Legion

JENN WATT  
Editor

Anthony Crofts and Chester Howse led a ceremony to recognize the literary and visual arts work done by area students during the annual Youth Educational Awards Night at the Haliburton Legion on Friday, April 26. Students were given certificates and financial prizes for their winning posters, poems and essays about Remembrance Day. The top winners from Haliburton had their work submitted to

zone and district levels. More than \$1,200 in prize money was given out.

## Contest winners for 2018

Poem Contest Winners: Erik Morrison (first, senior; placed first at zone); Campbell Smith (first, intermediate); Savannah Byers (second, intermediate); Evelyn Vanderstarre (third, intermediate); Tate Smith (first, junior; placed first at zone; placed second at district); Naomi Bainbridge (second, junior); Anabelle Borgdorff (third, junior).

Essay Contest Winners: Aiden Hill (first, intermediate; placed first at zone); Tate Smith (first, junior; placed second at zone); Sophia Burke (second, junior).

Colour Poster Contest Winners: Jessica Byers (first, senior; placed first at zone; placed second at district); Izzy Hill (first, intermediate; placed second at zone); Kylie Brohm (second, intermediate); Amberlyn Needham (third, intermediate); Clare Phippen (first, junior); Rosie Lafleur (second, junior); Evan Jones (third, junior); Annika Gervais (first, pri-

mary; placed third at zone); Emma Drury (second, primary); Anika Suke (third, primary).

Black and White Poster Contest Winners: Jocelyn Chumbley (first, intermediate); Savannah Byers (second, intermediate); Kylie Brohm (third, intermediate); Evan Jones (first, junior; placed third at zone); Lara Gallant (second, junior); Chase Winder (third, junior); Luke Gruppe (first, primary; placed second at zone); Lyla Degeer (second, primary); Parker Holden (third, primary).



Anthony Crofts, back row on left, and Chester Howse led the Haliburton Legion's awards ceremony on Friday evening. Here they stand with many of the winners from the poster contests. /JENN WATT Staff



Anthony Crofts, back row on left, and Chester Howse led the Haliburton Legion's awards ceremony on Friday evening. Winning students in the poetry and essay contests stand in the front. /JENN WATT Staff

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2019-20 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident\* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County, or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board.

**To be eligible to vote at the June 20, 2019 AGM, new memberships must be obtained by no later than May 1, 2019.**

The membership fee may be paid and proof of membership obtained at HHHS, Haliburton or Minden Business Offices, during regular business hours, or by contacting:

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\*this includes seasonal residents, i.e., summer cottagers / landowners

# The beautiful taste of Kim's Seoul

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Food has always served as a gateway to culture. It bridges any perceived gap between strangers, uniting them at the table to savour the soul satisfying practice of eating together.

Such an interaction happened this past Saturday when SIRCH food services team member Lydia Kim not only led the first of three Learn to Cook Authentic Korean classes, but also provided insight about Korea through the dish bibimbap at SIRCH Central in Haliburton.

Six people learned how to cook bibimbap, a dish comprised of a short-grain rice base with an array of individually prepared fresh vegetables such as carrots, bean sprouts, zucchini, burdock root, sautéed mushrooms, lettuce and meat, served with a sweet and spicy sauce called gochujang.

Bibimbap is a beautiful dish, full of flavour and character.

There are contrasting textures, from the crunch of carrots and bean sprouts to soft mushrooms. Sweet, salty and spicy balance in each spoonful, and along with the bright greens, reds and yellows, tickle and stimulate the senses.

Bibimbap has many variations. Some can include meat, some tofu. At home, the dish is often made up quickly using the ever-present banchan side dishes of vegetables (kimchi and different pickled vegetables) served with every Korean meal.

This dish required a lot of preparation, from the cutting of the fresh ingredients into julienne strips and slivers, frying



them, boiling or blanching individually to making sauces for that little something more to add at the end.

Once complete, the dish was served with rice in bowls and then vegetables were added, one grouping at a time with chopsticks. Chopsticks are then used to mix all the ingredients, topped with meat

and the gochujang sauce. With a dol-sot, everything is topped with a raw egg, sunny side up and then mixed together in the heated stone bowl to cook before eating the comforting meal.

What makes this learn-to-cook offering special is the introduction of the Korean culture, imparted by class instructor Kim, who wanted to share her culture and give back to the community she really appreciates. She said in Korea, it's important to "respect, obey" your elders. Everyone must wait to eat until the most senior at the table has started.

Her infectious smile and welcoming demeanor helped to diminish any anxiety around cooking a new dish.

The past graduate of the SIRCH Cook It Up program is originally from Shinchon, Seoul, Korea.

She came to the Highlands in the 1990s as a teenager with her mother to live in Peterborough.

It was a difficult transition for the teen, who was used to the buzz of the city with a night life that comes with having five universities.

Married with three children, two in high school and one adult, she has grown

SIRCH's Lydia Kim adds lettuce to a bowl of bibimbap at the end of the Cook Authentic Korean class on Saturday, April 27 at SIRCH Central in Haliburton. The next classes are held at SIRCH Central, located at 2 Victoria Street in Haliburton, on May 11 and May 25. Those interested in registering for the cooking classes can call SIRCH at 705-457-1742 or drop by 49 Maple Ave., Unit 4, in Haliburton. Classes are \$65 each. / DARREN LUM Staff

to love Haliburton County. She has lived in Minden for close to 17 years.

Kim is interested in vacationing in Canada rather than go back to Korea where her connections to issues and interests has diminished since raising a family here. Now she can't imagine living anywhere else.

"I like this community because in town everyone knows each other, the attitudes and the willingness of the community to participate and support each other is wonderful," she wrote in an email after the class.

The next class will feature kimbap, a fish cake soup, and the final class will teach how to make kimchi, the fermented, spiced cabbage side dish (similar to sauerkraut), including other Korean dishes.

The classes are all held at SIRCH Central, located at 2 Victoria Street in Haliburton, on May 11 and May 25. They will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Space for each class is limited to eight participants. Cost per class is \$65. Those interested in registering and paying for the cooking classes can call SIRCH at 705-457-1742 or drop by 49 Maple Ave., Unit 4, in Haliburton.

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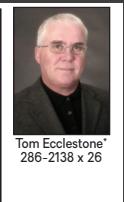
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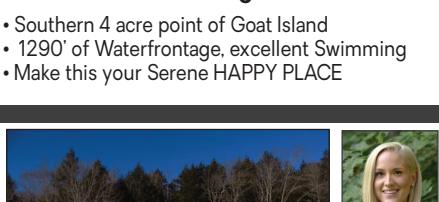
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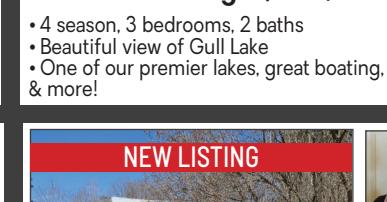
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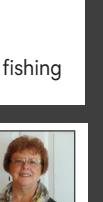
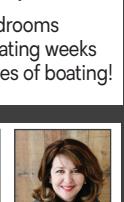
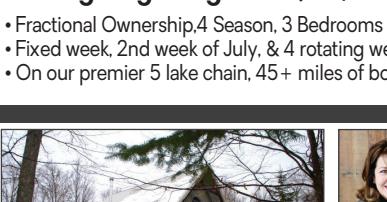
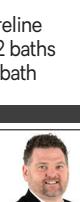
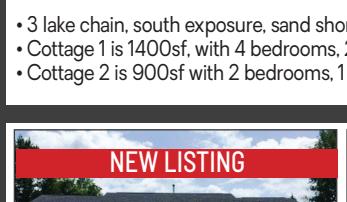
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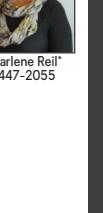
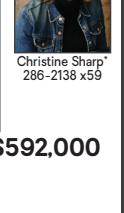
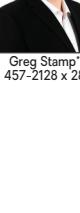
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# Ready for Retail participants build confidence and skills for future

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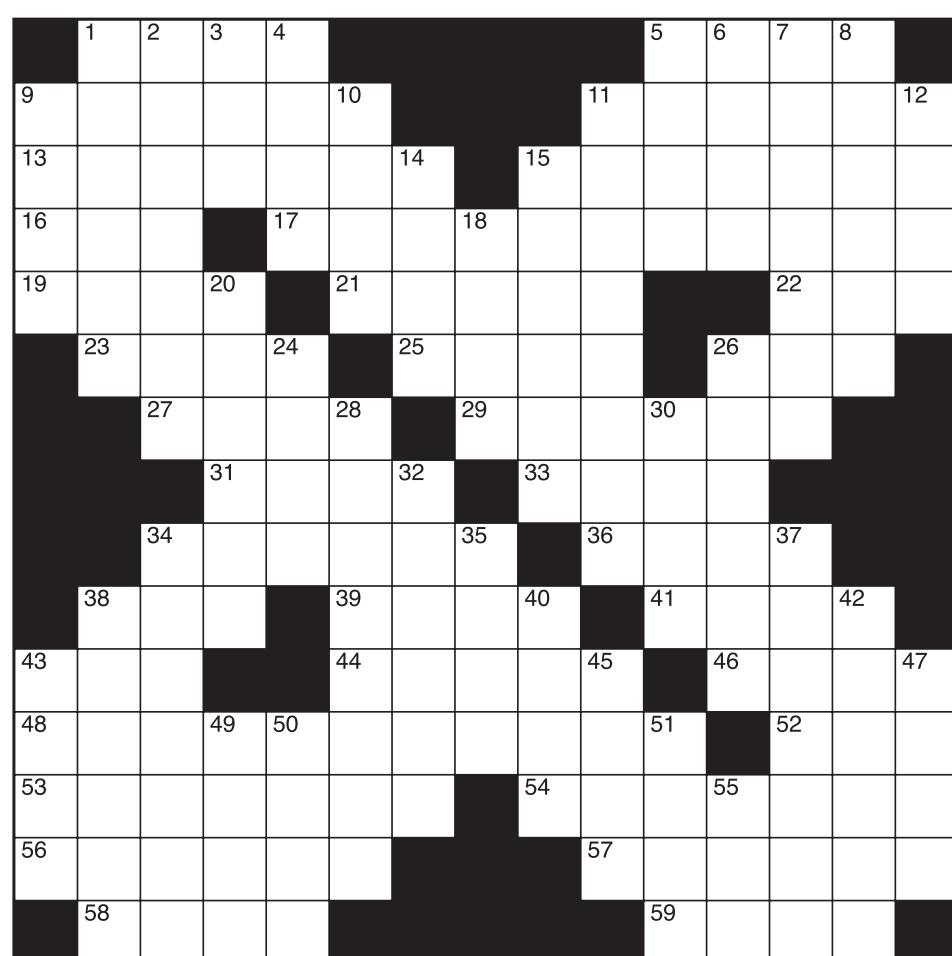
Staff Reporter

You can see confidence in the face of Matthew Parker of Haliburton as he stands at the cash register helping check-

out a customer at the Thrift Warehouse. Parker, one of eight participants in SIRCH's Ready for Retail program, has developed confidence as he learned skills with in-class and on-the-job training at the warehouse and the local library, including certification training to prepare for employment in the retail industry.

"It's been a really good experience," he

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- Cut
- Vietnamese offensive
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- Greek war god
- Have already done
- Six (Spanish)
- Remarks for the audience
- Relaxing spots
- Prevent from seeing
- Disguised
- Comedian Rogen
- Afflict in mind or body
- Sour
- People native to N. Mexico

#### CLUES DOWN

- How will it play in \_\_?
- Grows
- Swiss river
- Canadian flyers
- Affirmative! (slang)
- Root of taro plant
- Large, long-legged rodents
- Recycled
- Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
- Sometimes it's on you
- Contrary beliefs
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- No seats available
- Ned \_\_, composer
- A fit of irritation
- Ability to move objects mentally
- Luke's mentor \_\_-Wan
- Herbal medicine ingredient
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- Likes
- In a sound way
- Part of a staircase
- Exemptions from play

#### CLUES DOWN

- Spicy stew \_\_-podrida
- Play time
- Italian monetary unit
- Type of fuel
- Portable conical tent
- Yazoo and Mississippi are two
- What people earn
- Insect repellent
- After first
- Plays the viola
- Not good
- Esteemed guest
- Where rockers ply their trade
- Office furniture
- Ancient Greek oracles
- Quantitative fact
- Missing soldiers
- Minute
- This (Spanish)
- Maintain possession
- Knife
- What to say on New Year's Day (abbr.)

Answers on page 24

said.

The training program started on Jan. 28 and ends May 13. This is the second year for the program. It started last year as a pilot program.

Parker said the things he is learning will help lay the foundation for his aspiration to run his own computer business. Before he realizes that dream, he needs a job to help fund his college education in computer repair.

The program's co-ordinator Dianne Woodcock smiles as she watches Parker work. She has been impressed by his transformation during the program.

"He was really nervous when he started, I have to say. He was apprehensive. He was worried whether he would fit in with the group. Is it going to be an accepting [group]?" she said. "[Now the change has been] unbelievable. He's such a massive contributor ... making everyone else feel good. He cares a lot about everybody and his confidence ... he was afraid of cash and was terrified. Now he's great on it."

His organizational skills have also seen marked improvement.

Parker, 26, is a Haliburton Highlands Secondary School alumnus and the youngest in the program's group, which ranges from 26 to 64.

"I love that. It really creates an interesting dynamic," Woodcock said. "This group of people they've all found that coming together under these circumstances: ... they never would have met each other under any other circumstances and it's been ... I don't know if it's the platform? This group, like last year's group, they just bond so well. It's an intimate way to learn and they just gel," she said.

The support for one another in the group has been special, she said.

"When you learn in a space that is very supportive not just from our teaching, but their classmates. That speaks volumes in terms of how they are going to move forward, I think," she said. "It's the combination of the two."

This happens not only working together while at Thrift Warehouse, but also in how they help one another.

The on-the-job training is split between two sites in the Highlands. Tuesdays, participants are at the 8,000-square-foot Thrift Warehouse learning how to take inventory, account for donations, interact with customers, helping them and cashing them out using a cash register.

"Here we can control what they're learning. You know spend some time on cash and spend some time on the bay and we rotate that. Being out with an actual business is a little bit more of a true practical training. They're in the throes of wherever they may end up working. It's a long

training program. It's very valuable," she said.

The rest of the week is available to program participants so they can receive on-the-job training at participating retailers such as Country Pickin's, Haliburton County Public Library, Cindy's, Home Hardware, Country Rose, Haliburton Foodland and Wilberforce Foodland. Trainees spend four hours a week at the Thrift Warehouse and 3.5 hours at their second placement.

Woodcock said there was a consultation with the participants about the places they'd like to work.

This led to co-ordination with various businesses, who joined the program and provided on-the-job training sites.

Representatives from SIRCH, City of Kawartha Lakes, the John Howard Society, and Fleming College are facilitating the lessons. Every Monday there is in-class training held either at SIRCH Central on Victoria Street or at the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

The participants earn certifications (customer service excellence, first aid/CPR and WHMIS, including smart serve certification, if required).

There are a few new additions to the program. This year included one day of hospitality customer service excellence training, which was developed by the Ontario Tourism Education Committee provided by the Victoria County Career Services. Many employers recognize this training.

Some of the in-class training was done with the participants of SIRCH's Cook it Up program.

"They are two different groups with two different goals, but they come together to learn sort of the basics of no matter what you're going to be doing," she said.

Both groups benefit from learning about being able to provide customer service and team building skills.

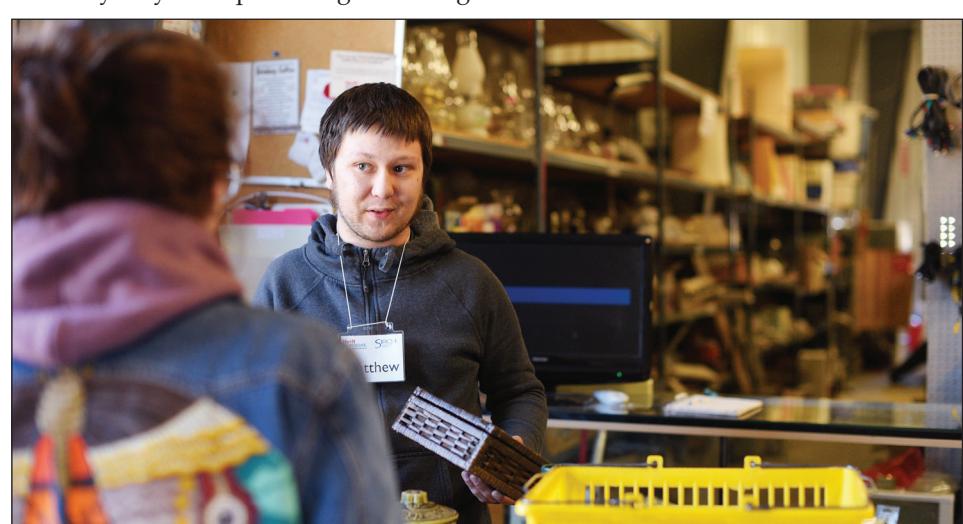
Another new aspect to this year's program is the addition of participating businesses, who enabled the additional job placements.

"The biggest asset is we appealed to the business community to allow our participants to do some placement time. I think everybody saw that as a great addition," she said.

Woodcock adds the Business Development Bank is scheduled to come to speak with the participants about finance management and how to start and operate a business.

This group has already asked if there could have been more placement time.

"I see that as a positive comment. It means that they're growing ... let's bring it on," she said.



Haliburton's Matthew Parker speaks with a customer at the Thrift Warehouse during his job placement for Ready for Retail. Co-ordinated by SIRCH Community Services, the retail training program provides participants like Parker an opportunity to receive in-class and on-the-job training that will help them find employment. /DARREN LUM Staff

# If the Earth Could Talk, don'tcha know

AFTER THE LONGEST coldest greyest winter ol' Maybelle can remember, spring is finally here. Why, thanks to all the rain we've been having here in Lake WhaddayathinkImean and the warmer temperatures, the snow and ice have finally hit the road, Jack. And we're all breathing a lot easier, albeit now dealing with flooded basements and the like.

And, if I'm not seeing my garlic buds sprouting their wee green heads through last year's dark dead leaves. My bonnet goes off to them for braving it beneath the cold dark winter earth holding onto the promise of seeing the light.

Kind of feels that way right now for us folks who see the dangers of climate change and want desperately to see positive action toward saving our earth, sky, and air for the next generations of little sprouts to come.

So, I've been thinking about the earth and imagining what it might say if it could talk. If it could sit across from me in my cottage ... ol' Maybelle with a cup of tea and a biscuit and Earth with some nice clean water and a plate of compost.

I think I'd start off by telling it: "I'm sorry, Earth. I know what a hard time you've been having. Oh, not in ol' Maybelle's garden, necessarily, I do my best to give you what you need, but all over our planet. Your siblings, Air and Water, and you being polluted unnecessarily causing tornadoes, hurricanes, fires, floods ... diminishing our precious bee, fish, bird, and animal populations and the like. I am sooooo sorry, Earth, I am gobsmacked."

The Earth would lift its big head and look at me (it's my fantasy, OK? In my living room, Earth has a head and a face, a sweet face that you can't help but love.) And it would say: "I hear you, Maybelle. And my sibs, Air and Water, and I are also sorry. We've always worked together to give you and all humans what you need to survive and thrive. But we're getting sick from all the gasses, plastics, poisons and other pollutants we're being forced to eat. It affects one of us and then all of us and before we know it we get sick just like you humans. We see the rise in

human disease and allergies. We talk among ourselves and believe you me, our hearts are broken, too."

Why if this imaginary conversation isn't making ol' Maybelle feel all weepy and angry at the same time, don'tcha know. Angry because as I sit here and write this to you, there are some people in powerful positions who, believe it or not, are making matters even worse.

That's right. I know it's hard to believe. Why my good friends and I just shake our heads. Don't they care about people? Why are they not protecting us? Why aren't they taking immediate action to turn this around and support us?

Well, I don't know about you, but ol' Maybelle and my good friends, Twin-dle Mumby, Beanpole Starkman, Vilma Yucch, Sybil Beaucannon Hughes and Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom are telling our MPP how we feel about it.

Why, we took a vote and decided that we have to do our part to try to change things for the better. That's right. We're writing letters, making phone calls, showing up at protests. Teaming up

with other folks in Lake W who also want to make our environment healthy and strong for us, our sons and daughters, and their kids' kids' kids.

I hold the Earth within me as much as I see it around me. And, with every new bud that will sprout, with every bird I'll hear sing and bee that will buzz, I will do my best, in my own little way, to make Earth Day, every day, don'tcha know.

*Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon," is available at amazon.com.*

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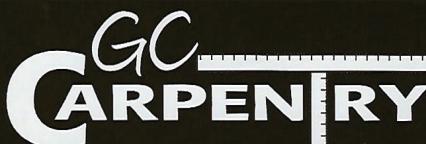
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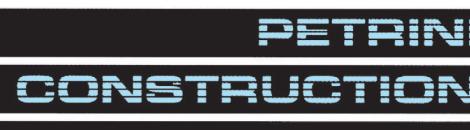
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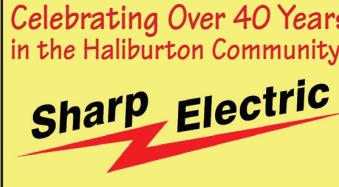


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### Fundraiser helps send students to university event

Salad and spaghetti were on the menu for the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Grade 7/8 fundraiser, which included a raffle and silent auction at the Haliburton middle school.

This fundraiser will help send the students on an end-of-year trip on May 13 to Brock University. They will spend three days and two nights developing problem solving and team skills while being exposed to life at a university campus. The activities include an escape room, rope agility courses and free time of swimming and dancing. Event organizers appreciated individuals who contributed prizes, particularly from businesses such as the Pinestone Resort and Birds and the Bees. / DARREN LUM Staff



## Accessible van enhances health services

A new seven-seat Dodge van will assist Haliburton Highlands Health Services' Community Support Services in getting clients to and from important appointments and functions.

In addition to its seating, the vehicle also accommodates two wheelchairs.

"The demand for our existing van skyrocketed over the past year," said Stephanie MacLaren, VP of Community Programs. "We are very pleased to be able to better address the needs of our community. Through transportation programs such as ours, clients are able to attend programming that not only supports them with their medical needs, but also helps to reduce isolation and provide respite to caregivers."

The van will provide transportation to medical appointments including to

regional dialysis programs, adult day programs and mental health programs.

It will also be used by the Haliburton County Youth Hub.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation executive director Lisa Tompkins said the van will help the organization deliver services to the population it serves.

The Foundation along with the Central East Local Health Integration Network funded the purchase.

About 13,500 rides were provided to 545 residents in Haliburton County over the past year through HHHS's transportation program. It is offered to adults over 55 years old and those with disabilities 18 and older. Client fees apply. Call 705-457-2941 for more information.

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The new Community Support Services van features space for two wheelchairs along with seven seats. The vehicle will help get clients to a variety of appointments and will be used for getting young people to the Haliburton County Youth Hub. /Photo submitted

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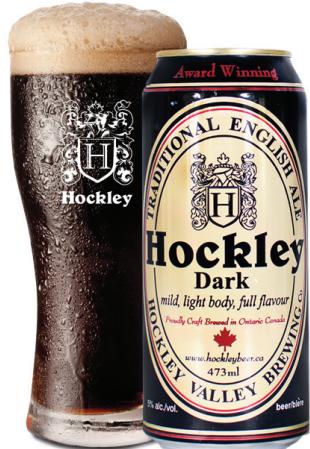
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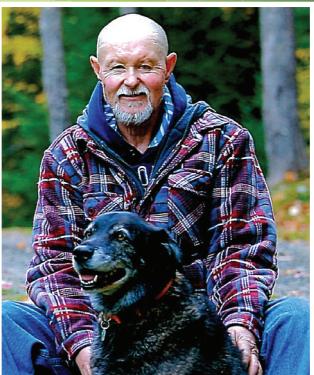
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**Thank You**  
My family and I would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the cards, thoughtful letters and flowers received during our time of sorrow. We are also very grateful for the donations made to HHHS in memory of Gord. Susan, Jessica and Elisa Scheffee

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The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust invites you to join us at our Annual General Meeting!

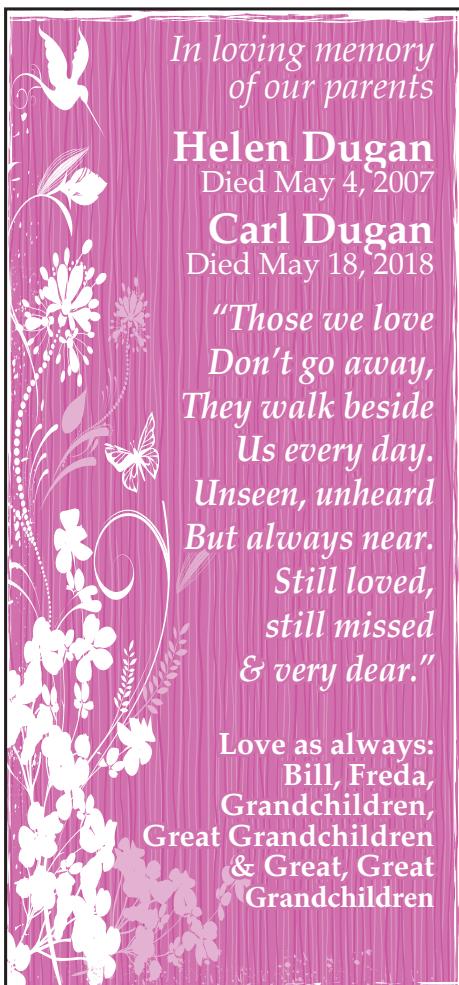
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Died May 4, 2007

**Carl Dugan**  
Died May 18, 2018

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Don't go away,  
They walk beside  
Us every day.  
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But always near.  
Still loved,  
still missed  
& very dear."*

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Grandchildren,  
Great Grandchildren & Great, Great Grandchildren

**640 IN MEMORIAM**

*In Memory of*  
A Wonderful Husband, Dad,  
Great and Great Great Grandpa  
Who passed away 5 years ago  
On April 29th

*We cannot bring  
The old days back  
Your smile we cannot see  
We can only treasure the  
Memories of days  
That use to be.  
Gone are the days  
We used to share  
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Graveside Service & Reception

A Graveside Service will take place at EVERGREEN CEMETERY on Friday May 3, 2019 at 2 o'clock. Reception to follow in The Community Room. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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**Flying fish:** Ministry of Natural Resources helicopter pilot Doug Holtby checks a map as he navigates toward one of the 70 lakes across the Haliburton Highlands region that have been stocked with lake trout over the past two years. Holtby dropped 104,000 brook, rainbow, splake and lake trout from the helicopter's six specially designed tanks last week. Story and photos on page 10.

## Election offers 'clear choice': MPP

**PETER DOWNS**

Staff Reporter

The decision for voters on June 3 will be clear cut — more prosperity or more debt, riding

MPP Chris Hodgson said on Day Two of his re-election campaign.

Voters can either help push Ontario's economic rebound even further ahead by supporting the Tories or step back in

time to the days of "taxing and spending" by casting ballots for the other two parties, Hodgson maintained last week.

"There's a clear choice for people in Victoria-Haliburton-Brock to make."

And after four years of steady economic growth, Hodgson said it would be "a shame" to return to a government that saddles the province with debt and drags down the economy at the same time.

The budget the Tories presented last week — which reads like an election platform document — will help keep Ontario on the right track, he said.

The PCs promise to cut income taxes by a further 20 per cent and lower education property taxes by the same amount over five years — if re-elected. The first 10 per cent cut would come this year.

At the same time, the Tories have promised to bump up health-care spending by 20 per

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**9-1-1 mix up raises safety fears**

**PETER DOWNS**

Staff Reporter

An unknown number of residents in the Highlands are being charged by Bell Canada for 9-1-1 service, even though the emergency response number doesn't work in the county.

The service fee may be small, but some fear consequences of the mistake could be disastrous.

They're worried callers in emergency situations could waste vital time trying to reach 9-1-1 before they figure out the number doesn't work and call local emergency services directly.

"It's a public safety issue because people will assume they're getting 9-1-1 service when they're not," said Ernie Hills, who discovered the 32-cent charge on his phone bill more than a month ago.

As clerk of Snowdon, Hills has also received calls from

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Paradise found! Stunning 4BR, 2 Bath year-round home/cottage. Walking distance to some amenities. Stone fireplace. Oak cabinetry, large windows & more. Level lot with 625 ft of frontage. Panoramic views of Grass Lake. Prime location w/ the perfect price.

## KOSHLONG LAKE ROAD \$299,000



A home for all seasons! This turn key 4 BR, 3 Bath home built in 2002. Private yard, stunning flower gardens, 2 sheds. Bright open concept, large private deck. The cook in the family will love this kitchen. Spacious master BR with 4-piece ensuite.

## SALERNO LAKE ROAD \$178,900



The perfect escape! Off grid 2 BR, 1 Bath cottage privately situated on 2.69 acres. Finished with pine throughout. Septic, drilled well. Propane furnace and wood stove. Powered by generator and solar power. This is country living!

## PARISH LINE ROAD \$209,000



Location and Privacy! 2 BR, 2 Bath home located close to Haliburton Village. Perfectly situated on 2.5 Acre lot. Large Eat-In kitchen. Master BR with 4 PC Ensuite. Fantastic investment.

## VACANT LOTS

CONTAU LAKE LOT 1.33 AC  
\$179,000

HARBURN ROAD ACREAGE 44.17 AC  
\$108,000

**SOLD** BURKES ROAD ACREAGE 7.29 AC  
\$79,900

**NEW LISTING!** GLAMORGAN ROAD ACREAGE 18 AC  
\$68,000

**NEW LISTING!** 1247 HAND DRIVE 1.48 AC  
\$32,500



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## Otter Lake \$1,080,000



Breathtaking custom built, 4BR waterfront home or cottage. Very private, 462 ft of frontage and 67 acres on small lake with great bass fishing. Impressive design and finishings. Great room with granite fireplace, cathedral ceilings. Full finished lower level with walkout. Triple garage. A pleasure to show, a must see!

## Drag Lake \$1,475,000



Stunning 3BR, 3Bath waterfront home/cottage perfectly situated on private 1.91 acres. Over looking popular Drag Lake w/ 400 ft of frontage. Upgraded kitchen, built in appliances and high-end finishings. Massive master BR with covered porch. Attractive home!

## Little Kennisis Lake \$1,249,000



3BR, 3Bath waterfront home/cottage with 250ft of frontage on popular Little Kennisis Lake. Double car garage, level lot, outdoor shower. Shallow sand bottom beach and large deck. Master loft with stunning southern views. With loads of upgrades this "turn key" home has everything your family needs.